THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The various programmes concerning grants of awards, scholarship, publication of books, etc. conducted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation is given in the enclosed Statement. *{See* below).

(b) The last meeting of the Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was held on 16.01.2008.

(c) Ambedkar Chairs have been funded by the Foundation at New Delhi, Ujjain, Nagpur, * Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Mhow, Guntur, Aligarh and Chennai. Dr. Ambedkar Open University is not under Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

Statement Details of Programmes Conducted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation I. Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sections. II. Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change. III. Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Universities/Institutions for carrying out research on the thoughts and ideals of Baba Saheb. IV Publication on the Collected Works of Baba Saheb Dr. B .R. Ambedkar into Hindi and other Indian languages. Y Dr. Ambedkar National Scholarship Scheme for meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

VI Dr. Ambedkar National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Secondary Education belonging to Scheduled Castes.

VE Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme.

VIII. Dr. Ambedkar Samajik Samata Kendra Yojna.

DC Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to the Scheduled Castes Victims of Atrocities.

Construction of hostel for SC boys

1062. SHRI KANJIBHAIPATEL: SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: SHRI SURENDRAMOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has sent a proposal for Central assistance for Scheduled Caste boys hostel at Morbi and Idar and ideal residential schools at Mehsana and Idar; and;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Gujarat had sent proposal for construction of hostel for SC boys during 2002-03 at Morbi & Mehsana for which central share of Rs. 1,00,39,650/- was sanctioned.